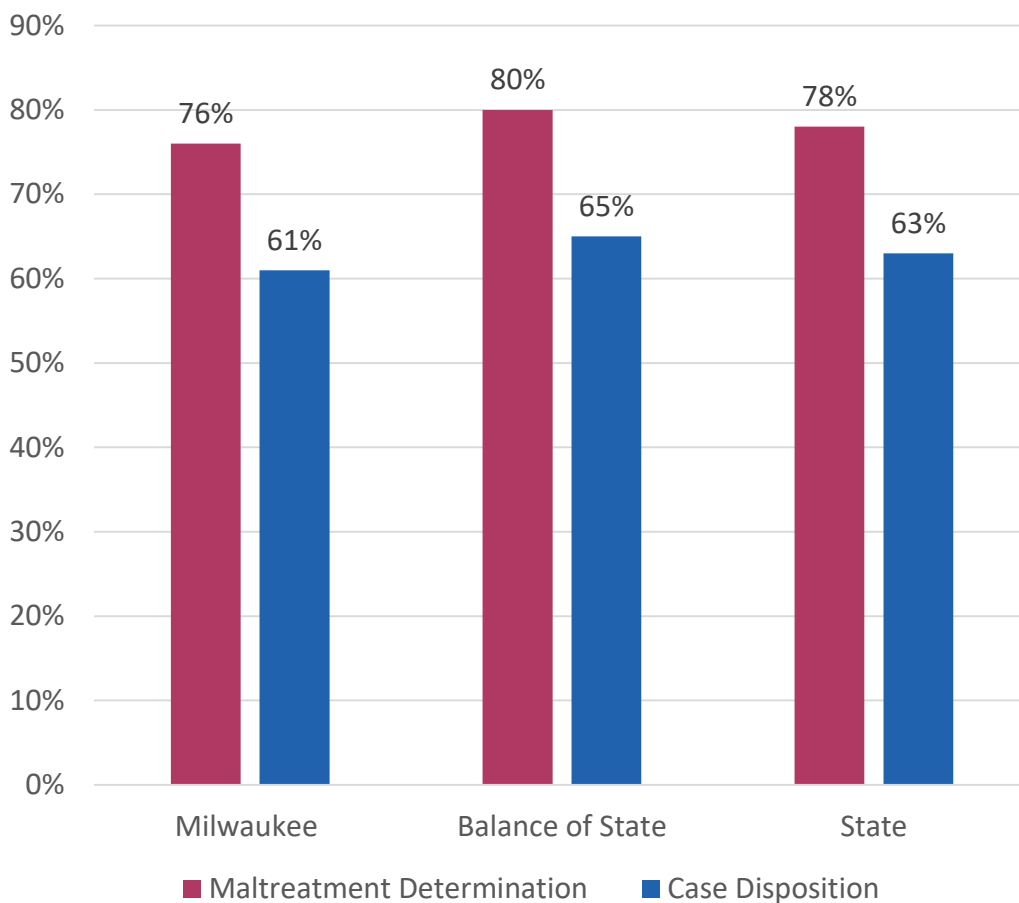


Maltreatment Determination and Case Disposition

2019 Initial Assessment Case Review Results



Maltreatment Determination: Did the alleged maltreatment occur? This involves assessment of specific criteria. Maltreatment can include physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, unborn child abuse, neglect or some combination of abuse/neglect.

Case Disposition: Are services needed? The decision to close or open a case depends on a variety of factors including whether the child[ren] are safe or unsafe, the family's availability and acceptance of services, or if services are needed or wanted (voluntary or court ordered CPS services).

Summary for Maltreatment Determination: Statewide, approximately 78% (235/300) of the IA cases sampled had a Maltreatment Determination consistent with Standards. Milwaukee (76/100) and Balance of State (159/200) had similar proportions of Maltreatment Determinations consistent with Standards. Not having enough information to support a Maltreatment Determination was slightly more prevalent in Milwaukee cases (20%) than Balance of State cases (14%).

Summary for Case Disposition: Statewide, approximately 63% (190/300) of Case Dispositions were consistent with Standards. Approximately 65% (129/200) of Balance of State Case Dispositions were consistent with Standards compared to 61% (61/100) for Milwaukee. Conversely, the number of cases lacking sufficient information necessary to determine if the Case Disposition consistent with Standards was relatively higher in Milwaukee (34%, 34/100) than in Balance of State (30%, 60/200).



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